

CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST – CONGREGATIONAL
440 West Lanikaula Street, Hilo, Hawaii
November 23, 2014

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD
Pre-Service Music – Congregational singing together

Words of Greeting	Margaret Torigoe
Pastoral Welcome	Rev. Mary Olney-Loyd
Prelude:	LaRae Mortensen

**All who are able, please rise. Please speak in unison where text is bold.*

***Call to Worship:**

One: Come, you thankful people, come.

Let us gather before God and lift up our songs of praise and thanksgiving.

Many: God our maker does provide for our wants to be supplied.

Let us give thanks for God's generous spirit.

One: Let us give thanks for the blessings of food and family, of church and faith.

Let us give thanks for the beauty of the earth.

All: Let us praise God from whom blessings flow.

***Prayer of Praise (Unison)**

Wondrous Spirit, we raise to you our joyful noise: words of thanksgiving, songs of praise! Rhythm-setter of tides and seasons, from the depths of the waters to the heights of the land, creation declares your greatness. You dapple our days with sun and our nights with starlight. Unceasingly flow your love and peace. May your goodness transform us, deepening our gratitude for the beauty around us, the kindness among us, the bread broken for us. Lead us, we pray, in blessing the lives of others, so that all your world may have reason to rejoice.

*** Hymn of Praise: #422 "Come, O Thankful People, Come"**

***Unison Prayer for Forgiveness**

We praise you, O God, for "the power at work within us...able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine." There is nothing you ask us to do, nothing we are ever meant to do, which you do not enable us to do! May we grow in sharing your life-giving spirit, which "lifts us up where we belong" and which is the hope of the church for the world, the grace made ours in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

*** Assurance of God’s Love and Forgiveness**

God’s power is at work within us – offering us abundant blessings. May we recognize them, receive them, enjoy them, so that we are aware of God’s power at work within us, restoring us to wholeness and freedom. We are forgiven! Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

WE SHARE THE WORD OF GOD

Time with Children

Lord’s Prayer (using “debts” and “debtors”) [*in unison*]

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Scripture: Genesis 12:1-9

**Anthem: “Give Thanks”
“Think about His Love”**

by Henry Smith
by Walt Harrah
Na Leo Ni’o Lani & IYAA

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Sermon: Blessed to Be a Blessing

WE RESPOND IN WORD AND DEED

Pastoral Prayer/Prayers of People (be seated)

Hymn: #459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing”

Invitation to the Offering

Woody Kita

Offertory:

LaRae Mortensen

***Doxology: # 780 or # 781**

***Prayer of Dedication (Unison)**

Bountiful God, you have blessed us and you are blessing us so we may share the abundance of your love with those we meet. May we open our hands and our hearts to serve you in this church, in our community and all over the globe. In Jesus name we pray. Amen

***Closing Hymn: #562 "Take My Gifts" vs 1, 2**

*** Benediction**

***Choral Benediction Response: #146 "Nu oli"**

Nu oli! Nu oli! Nu kamaha'o!
Kamaha'o! kamaha'o! e! Nu oli! Nu oli!
He nu no ke ola, e hau'oli e!

*** Extinguishing of the Altar Candles**

Postlude: LaRae Mortensen

Ushers: Ethel Yoshimasu, Eric Tanouye,
Jenny Kondo, Margaret Torigoe & Anne Sadayasu

Flowers: Connie Yoshiyama

Interim Minister: Mary Olney-Loyd

Moderator: Sue Smith

Minister Emeritus: Susumu Yamane

Office Manager: Jodi Enriquez

Choir Director: Katherine Wilson

Choir Accompanist: LaRae K. Mortensen

Organist: Kayleen Yuda

Childcare Coordinator: Evonne Shiohita

Dates to Remember and Reminders

Today, November 23

Advent Devotional Booklets

Pickup at the Rear of the Sanctuary

Tuesday, November 25 at 7 p.m.

Thanksgiving Celebration Interfaith Community in Action
at First Protestant Church (near hospital).

Thursday, November 27
Happy Thanksgiving
The Church office will be closed on Thursday & Friday

Saturday, November 29
9 am in the Sanctuary
Hanging of the Greens – Come Help Decorate the Church

Sunday, November 30
Board of Stewardship & Missions
After Service in Lounge

Sunday, December 7
3 pm in Sanctuary
Hilo Community Chorus Concert
“Tapestry of Light”

- **Choir Practice**, Sunday at 8:30 am in Sanctuary and Tuesdays at 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary
- **Rhythm & Life exercise class**, BF Tuesdays, 3:30pm
- **Bible Study** every Monday at 6:30 p.m. in the Pastor’s Study and Wednesday in the Lounge at 9:30 am
 - Read Ch. 5, 6 & 7 “Abundance”
- **International Young Adults Association Bible Study** is held each Wednesday evening 7:30 p.m.
- **Qi Goong exercise class** meets Friday morning 9-10:30 a.m.
(BF, open to church members)
- **Ballroom Dance class** will meet on Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Building of Faith
- **Ron Fujiyoshi, Ohana Ho’opakele** meets in the Lounge Thursday at 9am.
- Bell Choir every Saturday at 1pm in J’s Café

Other Congregations that Worship here Today

- **The Free Wesleyan Church of Tonga** meets in the sanctuary on Sunday at 1 p.m. and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
- **The United Church of Christ, Pohnpei** – worships in the BF.
- **Samoan Church** worships at 12pm on Sundays in Sanctuary.
- **Chuukese Church** worships in BF meeting room at 3pm today.
- **First Marshallese Assembly of God**, worships in the Sanctuary today 4pm.

BF=Building of Faith